



January 2023 Newsletter

Next Meeting
January 19th
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Come to our next in-person meeting. Click below for more information.

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January and Beyond!

Glow in the dark mini putt, Euchre Tournament, Durham Energy Waste Facility!

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NEW LOCATION FOR MONTHLY MEETINGS!

We have a new location for our monthly meetings!

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Message From The President

Happy New Year to everyone!

I love the potential and promise a new year brings. Renewing our energy by kickstarting the year with good intentions, healthy eating, planning ahead – all great January undertakings. No matter if our lofty goals tend to falter a bit as the year wears on, any new beginning is good for the soul.

There is a new beginning for our Club too – our new venue! We are all so excited to hold our first meeting in January at the Port Whitby Marina clubhouse. A few of the Management Team were there earlier this week to go over logistics and we were all thrilled anew at the beautiful view, the inviting room and the convenience of the location. Please come check it out at our January 19 meeting!

We have lots of new ideas for the club in the new year too. You can expect a survey to come your way in the next month or so to ask for your feedback on some of these ideas so please watch for it. The more feedback we get, the better we can plan and ensure that the club is meeting everyone's needs.

Is there something that you always wanted to do but never had people of similar mindset with whom to do it? Well, that's what our Special Interest Groups are for – bringing together members with similar interests to pursue leisure activities together. If you have an idea for an activity you would like to take up, please see Catherine Frost and she will organize a group for you. Amateur photography, tracing your family genealogy, gardening, movie / theatre going, gourmet cooking, bread-making, music appreciation, board games -whatever the interest! – Catherine is bound to find other members who will join you. It's such a great way to make new friends.

As ever, the Social Committee has planned some fun events coming up, so watch for their email invites in your Inbox. Again, this committee can use more help, so if planning events is in your wheelhouse, please let Judy Roebuck know you can help her out.

Well, time to tackle the next item on my to-do list...

Looking forward to seeing you on January 19!

Patti Mavins



Adi Goldstein

We are excited to announce a change in our meeting place !

Effective January 19, 2023

Our monthly meetings will be held at
The WHITBY MARINA Clubhouse

Located at

301 Watson Street W, Whitby ON

[Click here for directions.](#)

We are grateful to the Shrine Hall for being our first home. We look forward to starting a New Year of 2023 in our new home base at the Whitby Marina.



January General Meeting

When **January 19, 2023**
 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Location **Whitby Marina Clubhouse**
 301 Watson Street W, Whitby

Happy New Year! We look forward to another year of engaging speakers and fun activities.

We meet the 3rd Thursday of each month, 10 A.M. at the Whitby Marina Clubhouse.

Here are the 2023 meeting dates.

1. January 19
2. February 16
3. March 16
4. April 20
5. May 18
6. June 15
7. July 20
8. August 17
9. September 21
10. October 19
11. November 16
12. December luncheon date will be determined closer to the day.

What to bring to next meeting

- Bring a mug for coffee/tea
- Please wear your name tag

January 19 Speaker, Thanh Campbell

Thanh Campbell was born in Vietnam and came over to Canada as part of the last flight out of Saigon in 1975 with 56 other orphan children. Thanh was adopted into the family of Rev. William and Maureen Campbell. Thanh became the youngest of the six Campbell children.

In the recent past, Thanh reunited with many of the children that flew over with him back in 1975 as war orphans. This milestone in his life was captured numerous times in the media. Invited to be a guest on such programs as CBC News, TVO, Canada AM, 100 Huntley Street, he has had the chance to share his life story to the Nation.

The 57 Orphans' story has been covered by many newspapers including the Toronto Star, Hamilton Spectator, Ottawa Citizen, Vancouver Sun, Saigon Newspaper, and included in the French Consulate Newsletter. Most recently Thanh has written his autobiography titled Orphan 32.

As the next chapter of Thanh's life is unfolding, you're invited to hear this amazing story of the value of family, life and the power of love.

Thanh has been invited to speak at numerous groups, churches and schools across Canada as a keynote speaker sharing his story of coming to Canada.

Laurie Jones



Poet's Corner



Homeless Christmas © Kcho | Dreamstime.com

Reset

It's that time of year, but no worries , "We've got this", is the phrase of the time.

We may hear the bells ring the new year in; the herald of sound so sublime.

Most have had some kind of Christmas with turkey and stuffing and such and some of the needy were helped , so consciences don't pain us too much.

So what are we doing about it, the gap between have and have not

and where will this new year take us to equalize, stir up the pot?

We'll have to start revving our engines, start thinking in different ways, all people engaging and doing their best resetting the ways we behave. When wool gets into a muddle helped by the play of the cat,

someone using their hand with the wool, in firm grip, soon makes a correction of that.

Let's trust time will offer solutions

to questions long carried inside,

people working with true resolution

will make the worlds troubles subside

and enmity drift in the river and then go on out with the tide.

L. Patricia Bayley.

Membership

In the month of December, **Michael McRae, Robert Lamb and Ralph Rutkowski** joined our club. Welcome **Michael, Robert and Ralph**. We are now at 186 members and growing. In 2022, 28 new members joined our club... hopefully you folks are taking advantage of attending our General Meetings, joined one of our interest groups or enjoyed one of our events in order to meet new friends.

As most of you know, this club was formed in 2019 through the hard work and dedication of the initial management team. Just as momentum was building, events that impacted all of our lives took place and the momentum somewhat subsided. The 139 charter members who have remained with us since the beginning, plus the new members that joined in 2020 and 2021, have provided our club with a

solid membership foundation. Many thanks goes out to you folks from the management team in sticking with us through "thick and thin". The strong number of new members who joined in the past year gives us the encouragement that our club is well on the way to recovering to pre COVID enrollment levels.

For those of you who joined later in 2022 or have not previously picked up your badges, your badges will be available at the next General Meeting's registration desk. Please note that we have had to move away from the engraved plastic name tag due to prohibitive costs plus the inability to recycle/reuse unclaimed name badges. The new name badges will now be printed card stock with magnetic badge holders. The badges can now be printed when new members join our club and

ready for distribution at the next General Meeting. Please direct any questions about the new badges to me at dcprobusmember@gmail.com.

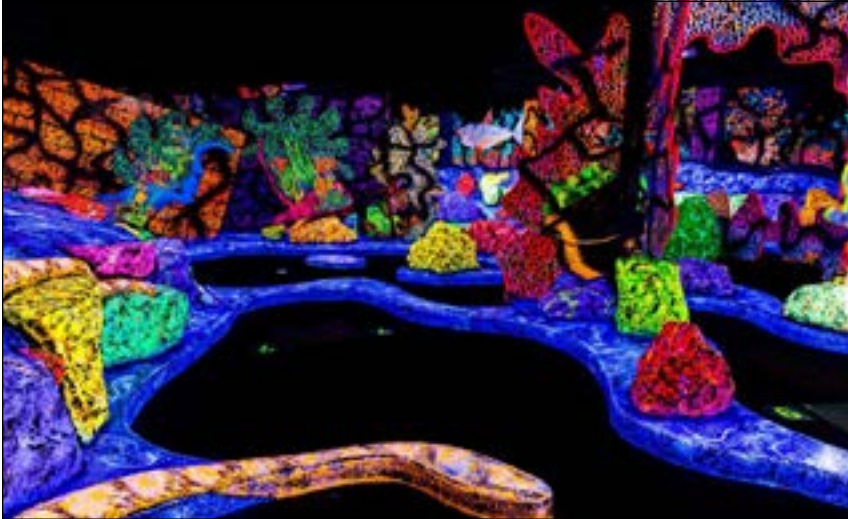
As you know guests are always welcome to our General Meetings. We have been tracking guests at our recent meetings and are seeing some of those guests join our club. If you know of anyone who may be interested in our club, please do not hesitate to invite them to attend one of our General Meetings. Please direct potential new members to our website [Durham Central PROBUS Club - Home](http://DurhamCentralPROBUSClub-Home) for more information and an application form. Any questions and/or queries about our membership can be directed to dcprobusmember@gmail.com.

Paul Dionne
Membership Chairperson

Social Events

Upcoming Events for 2023

January



The Putting Edge - Glow In The Dark Mini Putt

When: Tuesday, January 17th
2:00 pm

Where: Whitby Entertainment
Centrum Complex
The Putting Edge - 75 Consumers Dr.
(near the Landmark Theatre) Whitby

Cost: \$14.00 for 18 holes
Putter and golf balls provided

[Website](#)

February

Progressive Euchre at the Thornton Arms Pub

When: Thursday, February 21st
1:30 pm

Where: Thornton Arms Pub
At the SE corner of Rossland Rd.
and Thornton Rd., Oshawa

Cost: \$15.00

Prizes will be awarded and a small buffet will be served which is included in the price.



Amol Tyagi

March



Tour of the Durham York Waste Facility Energy Centre

When: Tuesday, March 21st, 2023,
2:00 p.m.

Where: 1835 Energy Drive, Courtice
(right beside Ontario Power
Generation)

Cost: \$10.00

This facility incinerates curbside garbage into electricity for the province.

Closed-Toe shoes (no heels) must be worn for this tour. Hard hats, safety vests and glasses will be provided.

Christmas Luncheon - Kedron Dells

On Wednesday December 14th, 45 members enjoyed our Christmas Luncheon at Kedron Dells Golf Club. We were treated to a delicious traditional turkey dinner, in a relaxed seasonal decor with time to visit with our friends, share stories of past Christmas memories, and the awarding of prizes of holiday plants and bottles of wine. Many members embraced the season by wearing red and green outfits and other Christmas accessories which helped to make the time very festive.



Special Interest Groups

Happy New Year.

I would like to thank those members that have taken the responsibility of organizing a group.

This is a time for new beginnings so why not start by joining one of our groups and, even better, start a new group where you can meet others with a common interest.

There are many ideas so come and see me at the meeting and learn what groups are possible and those that are waiting for more members to participate such as **Euchre**, **Bid Euchre**, and **Hand and Foot** card games.

We can now meet in restaurants so lunch groups and dinner groups are a possibility. We have a breakfast group which has room for more members

Let me know what interests you and I will assist you in finding others to join you.

If you would like to contact me with your idea, then please send an email and I will prepare a sign-up sheet for the meeting.

Hoping to see many of you at the meeting.

Should you have a suggestion for an activity, please [contact me](#).

[Catherine](#)

Fibre Friends

Fibre Friends holds two meetings per month alternating between in-person meetings in a member's home with meetings on Zoom. Our schedule for January and February is as follows:

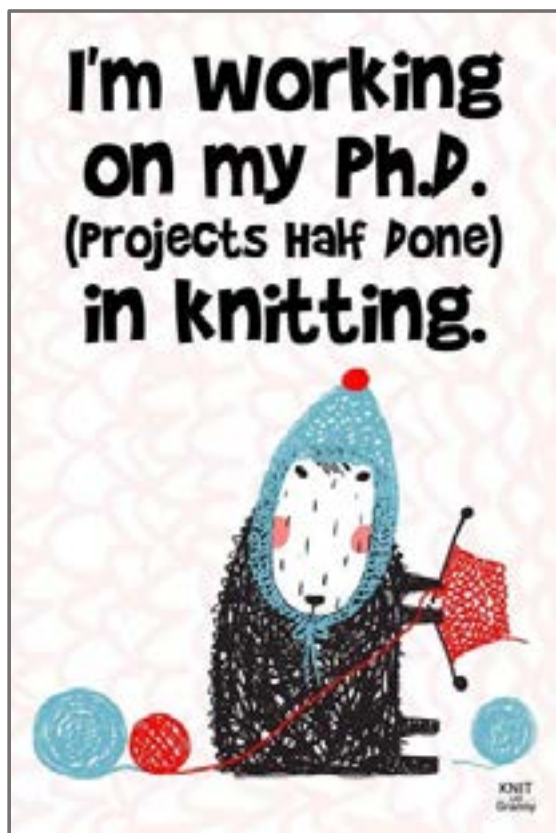
Wednesday, January 25, 1:30 p.m. – @ Michelle's home

Thursday, February 9, 10:00 a.m. – @ Jane's home

Wednesday, February 22, 1:30 p.m. - Zoom

In person locations will be shared via email.

We look forward to sharing our work, having a few laughs and catching up on all things fibre-related.



Probus Pedal Power (Cycling) Group

Well, the cycling season, at least for Probus, has now ended. Thank you to all who participated and made 2022 yet another great cycling year.

We will be considering some changes for 2023 – stay tuned! If you are interested, please [contact me](#) so that I can add your name to my email list.

John Patté



DC Wanderers

Our group enjoyed several walks in December along the Michael Starr and Whitby Waterfront trails. We are looking forward to each other's company as the new year begins. We are out and about for an hour at a leisurely pace and welcome new members.

Please [contact Pete](#) for more information and to join.

The Breakfast Group

In December, The Breakfast Group visited Brunch and Co. in Whitby for a festive brekkie.



2023 Downhill Skiing and Snowboard Group

Ruth Gartlan, Bill Rail and Laurie Jones.

January 11, 2023: First ski day of the season.



Book Club – “The Chicklits”



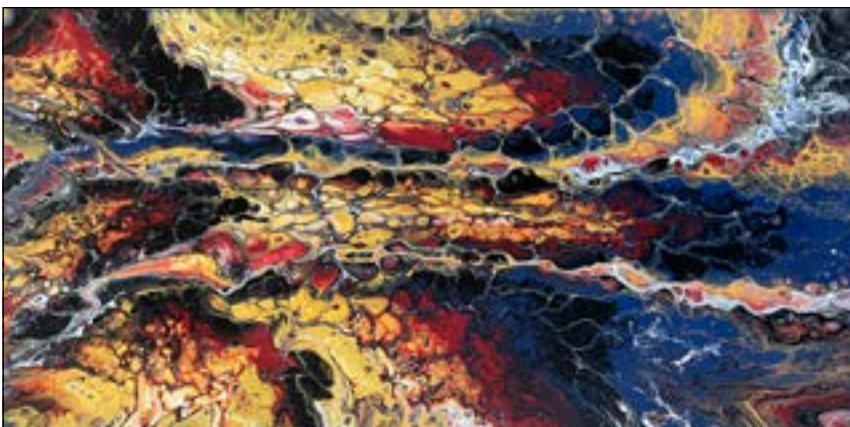
Our January book selection is “**The Homegoing**”, by Yaa Gyasi. Homegoing has been described as an ambitious family saga that covers seven generations and 300 years. It provides an incredible perspective on history, colonialism and slavery in Ghana and America over that span of time. It should prove to be an interesting read!

Our next meeting is on Monday, January 23, 2pm.

For information about the Chicklits, please contact [Patti Mavins](#).

Our Pictures, Our Lives

Tricia Cadieux



I enjoy various art forms. I find doing acrylic pours with drops of silicone to be a lot of fun, you never know what you are going to get! The end project is always a surprise.

Frank Kelcey



Tank Museum Tour

Our Pictures, Our Lives

Patti Mavins



My late mother-in-law LOVED cabbage patch dolls and scoured garage sales to 'rescue' them, fix them up and make clothing for them. I pulled them out of storage the other day and placed them on this quilt (also made by her). Quite a pile of happy babies, and I have a whole chest of clothes for them too!

Laurie Jones



This was taken at the 2022 Mariposa Folk Festival. My little trailer is a 13 foot 1978 Trillium and travels with my family and I throughout the summer. Throw a couple of bikes on the back and I'm a very happy camper!

Marek Warunkiewicz

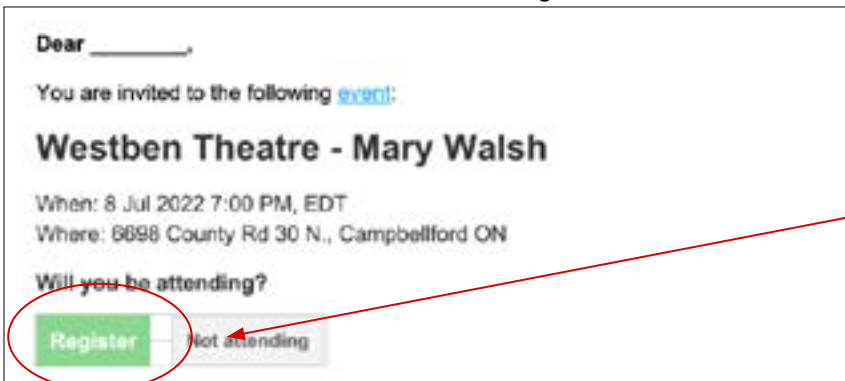


This is the lovely reason why the newsletter is late! My first grandchild, born January 7th. Her name is Spencer Joelle and she is doing so well, sleeping and eating like a champ!

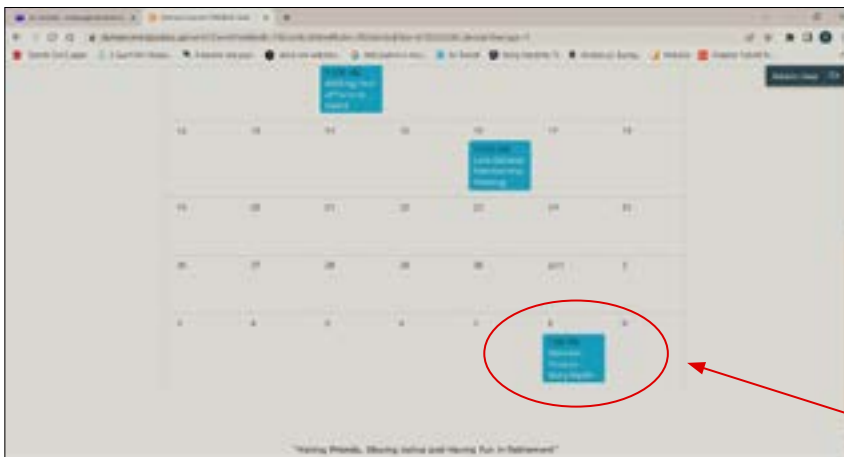
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Registering and Paying for Events:

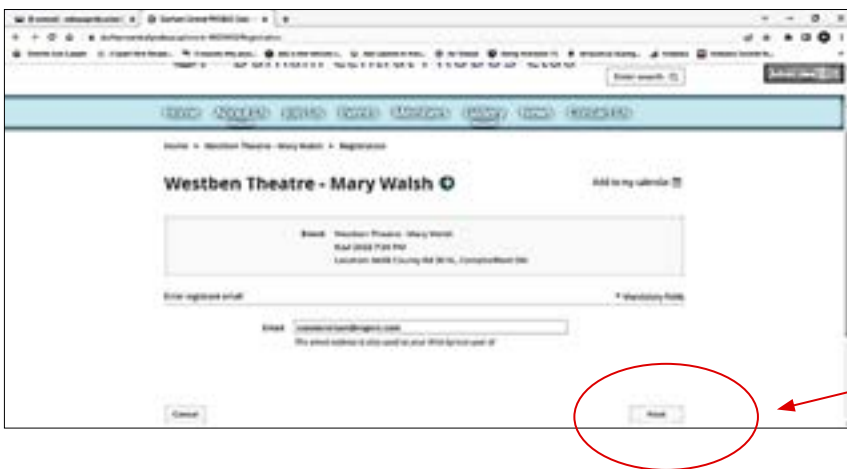
The simplest way to register and pay for events is from the email invitation announcing the event.



Click on the **REGISTER** button and follow the instructions. You will be asked to enter your email address or if you are already logged into the website, your email address will be displayed. If not logged in, you will be prompted to log in.



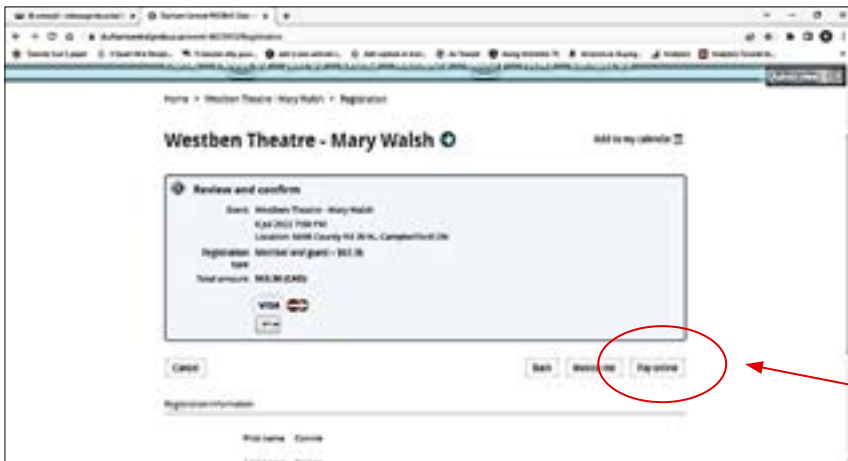
If you are unable to locate the email invitation, you can also register via the Member Event Calendar located in the Events Tab of the website. Click on the **EVENT**.



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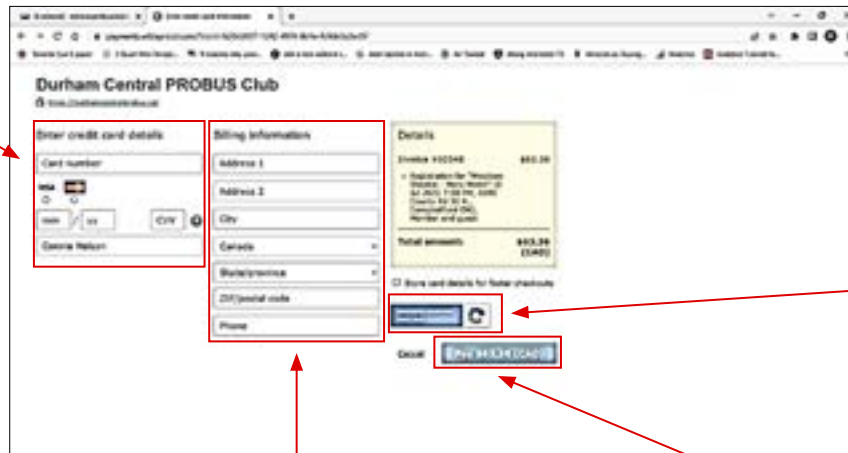


Enter your **FIRST** and **LAST** NAME and there may also be an option to add a guest. Upon completion, click **NEXT**.



The next screen will be for your review and confirmation. At this point, click **PAY ONLINE**.

1
On the payment screen, enter your 16-digit credit card number (NO SPACES), check either Visa or Mastercard, enter expiry date and CVV (3 numbers on back of your card).



3
CAPTCHA will ask you to prove you are not a robot by asking you to identify objects.

2 Enter the mailing address of your credit card to validate your card.

4 Hit the **PAY BUTTON** to finalize payment.